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General Assembly

2006 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

10 a.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Documents A/CONF.208/2006/1, A/CONF.208/2006/2, A/CONF.208/2006/L.1 and A/61/77-E/2006/59

2006 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Document A/CONF.209/2006/L.1

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 1st meeting of the 2006 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities.

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 21st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (A/61/468 and A/61/551) [134]

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations (A/61/556) . . . . . [119]

   General discussion

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Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (A/61/468 and A/61/551))

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 21st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Sixth Committee

11.45 a.m.–1.10 p.m. . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on agenda item 100 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Executive session on the comprehensive review of governance and oversight within the United Nations and its funds, programmes and specialized agencies

General Assembly

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Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Conrad Hunte (Antigua and Barbuda), under agenda item 53 (f) (Convention on Biological Diversity)

From 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Harald Aspelund (Iceland) under agenda item 54 (Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat))

From 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Tony Fautua (New Zealand), under agenda item 53 (b) (Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-1949.

Facilitator, Ms. Cinthia Soto (Costa Rica), under agenda item 53 (c) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa)

From 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Andrés Landerretche (Chile), under agenda item 53 (g) (Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Andre Siregar (Indonesia), under agenda item 55 (b) (International migration and development)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Giza Martins (Angola), under agenda item 55 (d) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Tri Tharyat (Indonesia), under agenda item 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction) – Natural disasters and vulnerability

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (a) (International trade and development)

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

Informal consultations convened by delegations

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Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, under agenda item 65 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of South Africa)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on programme planning, under agenda item 118 (Third Committee) (convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Lamin Faati (Gambia))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Meeting of the co-sponsors on the draft resolution on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, under agenda item 67 (a) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Denmark)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace", under agenda item 44 (Culture of peace) (convened by the delegations of Pakistan and the Philippines)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 15 November 2006

JUSCANZ Group (on Second Committee matters)

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

UNITAR briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

9 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on desertification)

10–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Group of 77 (briefing by the secretariat of the United Nations University)

11–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Group of 77 (on the draft resolutions on: eradication of poverty; globalization and interdependence; commodities; UN-Habitat; United Nations Environment Programme; International Strategy for Disaster Reduction; El Niño; natural disasters and vulnerability; and World Diabetes Day; and report on all Second Committee draft resolutions)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution under agenda item 65 (b) (Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action))

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights (on the draft resolution on the right to development)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

African Group (on Third Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Other activities

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Wednesday, 15 November 2006

International Forum on the Eradication of Poverty (organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with other United Nations entities and civil society organizations)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2, and in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Donald Lee, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-8762; e-mail lee27@un.org); or visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/poverty/PovertyForum>.]

Presentation of the report of the New York City Bar Association entitled "Thawing a frozen conflict: Legal aspects of the separatist crisis in Moldova" (document A/61/364) and interactive dialogue (convened by the delegation of Moldova and co-sponsored by the GUAM countries, the New York City Bar Association and St. John's University School of Law)

From 3 to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

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Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon . . . . Mr. Christopher Burnham, Under-Secretary-General for Management

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 16 November 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m. 54th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [109]
2. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [106]
   (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/561)
   (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/562)
   (c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/563)
   (d) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/564)
   (e) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/565)
3. Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/61/227) [105 (a)]
4. Election of thirty members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law [105 (b)]
5. Election of the members of the International Law Commission [105 (c)]
   (a) Notes by the Secretary-General concerning the candidates (A/61/92, A/61/92/Corr.1, A/61/92/Add.1, A/61/92/Add.2 and A/61/92/Add.3)
   (b) Note by the Secretary-General concerning the consolidated list of candidates (A/61/539)
   (c) Curriculum vitae (A/61/111, A/61/111/Corr.1, A/61/111/Corr.2 and A/61/111/Add.1)
6. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: note by the Secretary-General (A/61/107) [106 (f)]
7. Appointment of the members of the Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women [106 (g)]
8. Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/61/109) [106 (h)]

General Assembly

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Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will be held as follows: Friday, 17 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8; Monday, 20 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and Tuesday and Wednesday, 21 to 22 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The 26th meeting of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will be held on Friday, 17 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in *Conference Room 2*, to take action on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.9, A/C.4/61/L.10, A/C.4/61/L.11 and A/C.4/61/L.12, submitted under agenda item 31 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East); and on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.13, A/C.4/61/L.14, A/C.4/61/L.15, A/C.4/61/L.16, A/C.4/61/L.17 and A/C.4/61/L.18, submitted under agenda item 32 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories).

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), under agenda item 53 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind)

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the back of Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (a) (International trade and development)

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Benedicto Fonseca Filho (Brazil), under agenda item 53 (f) (Convention on Biological Diversity) — International Year of Biodiversity

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Nicole Ruder (Switzerland), under agenda 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction)

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Tuesday, 21 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, (Angola), under agenda item 57 (a) (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Facilitator, Mr. Giza Martins (Angola), under agenda item 55 (d) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption)

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

[*Note:* Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Second Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-5865; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail maillard-lejano@un.org).]

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its informal consultations (closed) on Thursday, 16 November 2006, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Forthcoming informal consultations convened by [illegible]

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on international cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of India, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China)

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of migrants, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from *1.15 to 2.45 p.m.* in Conference Room C.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right to development (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Cuba)

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community, under agenda item 108 (t) (organized by the delegation of Lesotho, on behalf of SADC)

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on malaria, under agenda item 48 (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the African Group)

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 69 (convened by the delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union)

Friday, 17 November 2006, from *1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.*

Other forthcoming meetings

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Fifth Coordination Meeting on International Migration (organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Monday and Tuesday, 20 and 21 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hania Zlotnik, Population Division, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-3185).]

Informal consultations on agenda item 10 (The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Botswana, as Chair of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme)

Monday, 20 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D;

Wednesday, 22 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D;

Monday and Tuesday, 27 and 28 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Tapiwa Mongwa, Permanent Mission of Botswana (tel. 1 (212) 889-2277; e-mail mongwat@botsrep.com).]

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Other forthcoming activities

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Briefing on the report, entitled "Failure to protect: A call for the United Nations Security Council to Act in North Korea", with its sponsors (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic)

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 12.30 to 1.15 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Petra Ali Dolakova, Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic (tel. 1 (917) 855-1015).]

Special event on the theme "Breaking the cycle of poverty: Challenges and opportunities for the LDCs" (organized by UN-OHRLLS, under the auspices of the International Forum on the Eradication of Poverty)

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 3 to 4.20 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Carol Sakubita, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (917) 367-5710; e-mail sakubita@un.org).]

Round table on the theme "Interethnic and interreligious accord: Sharing the experience of Kazakhstan", under agenda item 44 of the General Assembly (Culture of peace) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan, with the participation of the Department of Public Information)

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Rustem Sagindikov, Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan (tel. 1 (212) 230-1900, ext. 22; e-mail kazakhstan@un.int).]

Special United Nations Tribute to the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Prof. Muhammed Yunus (organized by UN-OHRLLS)

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Fred Kirungi, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (917) 367-3431; e-mail kirungi@un.org).]

Briefing on "Enhancing global public health — Ensuring a safer world" (organized by the World Health Organization, in cooperation with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Monday, 20 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information please contact Ms. Olga Bailey, WHO, New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-4388; e-mail bailey@un.org).]

Special event in commemoration of the seventy-third anniversary of Holodomor (the 1932-33 Great Famine in Ukraine) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine)

Tuesday, 21 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. Following the official part, there will be a screening of the award-winning documentary "Harvest of Despair". For further information please contact Mr. Vitaliy Pohribnyi, Permanent Mission of Ukraine (tel. 1 (212) 759-7003, ext. 115).]

Panel discussion on "Environmental governance: Key issues and perspectives" (organized by the Non-Governmental Organizations Section, Department of Economic and Social affairs, and the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development)

Tuesday, 5 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Roma Stibravy, NGO Committee on Sustainable Development (tel. 1 (212) 703-5069; e-mail unngocsd@gmail.com).]

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-first session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent *by Wednesday, 13 December 2006*, to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358, 963-5352 or 963-5377; room S-3450C, S-3420B or S-3420S).

Administrative Tribunal (23 October-22 November 2006)

The Administrative Tribunal will hold meetings (closed) *every day* until Wednesday, 22 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 2, DC2 Building.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 November 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

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Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 14 November 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Main Committees

Second Committee

29th meeting

Groups of countries in special situations . . . . . [56]

(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Togo, Kuwait, Nepal, Cape Verde, Qatar, Ethiopia, Uganda, Turkey, Eritrea and Guinea.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/61/L.35 and A/C.2/61/L.37

The representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.37, under sub-item 56 (a), and draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.35, under sub-item 56 (b).

Training and research . . . . . [59]

(a) United Nations University

(b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Rector of the United Nations University and the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research.

The question-time ensued and comments were made and questions were posed by the representatives of Estonia and Kenya, to which the Rector of the United Nations University and Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research responded.

The Committee began its general discussion of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Iceland, Nigeria, Japan and Turkey.

The Executive Director of UNITAR made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.36

The representative of Japan introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

Eradication of poverty and other development issues: Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) . . . . . [57 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.22

The representative of South Africa introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Procès-verbal of rectification to the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network. New York, 10 November 2006

Corrections proposed by Azerbaijan and Kyrgyztan to Annex I of the Agreement: (10 November 2006)[1]

Procès-verbal of rectification of the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network. New York, 10 November 2006

Corrections to Article 17 of the Chinese text of the Agreement: (10 November 2006)[1]

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

Ratification: Lebanon (13 November 2006)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism. New York, 13 April 2005

Ratification: Lebanon (13 November 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Ratification: Thailand (14 November 2006)[1]

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Accession: Lebanon (13 November 2006)[1]

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Rotterdam, 10 September 1998

Accession: Lebanon (13 November 2006)[1]

Treaty event

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network
Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Opening for signature

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

The Agreement was open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and will be open, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 16 November 2006 to 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Namibia
H.E. Mr. Kaire Munionganda Mbuende

Asian States:
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Munir Akram

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
H.E. Mr. Ivan T. Piperkov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mrs. Carmen María Gallardo Hernández

Western European and other States:
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit

Publications

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 14 November 2006.

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